

COUNTY FOREST REPORT 2009

TO: THE HONORABLE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- I. This is to convey to you a report of the operations and accomplishments of the Rusk County Forestry Department for the calendar year of 2009.

- II. Parks & Recreation.
 1. Our parks and boat landings were supervised and maintained by the Forestry Dept. Staff.
 - A. The Josie Creek Clubhouse roof was re-shingled in 2009 with cooperation from the following:
 - Kamo Organization
 - Boy Scouts of America
 - Indianhead Pistol Club
 - Rusk County
 - Numerous Private Individuals

 - B. Boat Landing Repairs were completed on Amacoy, Sand and Fireside Lake Boat Landings in 2009 in cooperation with the following:
 - Wildlife Restoration Association
 - Rusk County Land & Water Conservation Dept.
 - Rusk County Highway Dept.
 - Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Improvements included the following:

1. Amacoy Boat Landing
 - a. New concrete bathrooms
2. Sand Lake Boat Landing
 - a. Addition to the concrete boat ramp
 - b. Gravel to the ramp
 - c. New dock
3. Fireside Boat Landing
 - a. Addition to the concrete boat ramp
 - b. Gravel to the ramp
 - c. New dock

FUNDING SOURCES

Recreational Boating Funds (RBF Grant)	\$ 13,872.64
Rusk County	\$ 10,000.00
Power Line Funds	\$ 2,000.00
Twn of Stubbs	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
	\$ 28,872.64

EXPENSES

WRA & Land and Water Conserv. Dept. In-Kind	\$ 27,994.92
	\$ 751.06

2. Audie Lake Aerator/Lea Lake Aerator

- The aerator systems were maintained by Forestry Dept. Staff.

3. Campground Revenue

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Non-Designated Camping Permits	\$ 326.07	\$ 511.72	\$ 659.72	\$ 517.54
Remote Sites	\$ 384.83	\$ 487.20	\$ 488.15	\$ 756.40
Audie Lake Campground	\$11,681.44	\$10,684.36	\$12,865.88	\$12,496.86
Perch Lake Campground	\$ 2,458.36	\$ 2,361.41	\$ 1,627.81	\$ 1,657.82
Murphy Dam Campground	\$ 4,072.99	\$ 5,048.41	\$ 4,415.81	\$ 4,832.40
Josie Creek Park	\$10,381.52	\$ 8,260.66	\$10,158.01	\$10,700.28
TOTAL REVENUES	\$29,305.21	\$27,353.49	\$30,215.38	\$30,961.30

4. Non-Designated Camping Permits Issued: (Regular Camping Season and Gun-Deer Season)

YEAR	2006	2007	2008	2009
# OF PERMITS ISSUED	Regular 6 Deer Season 28	Regular 4 Deer Season 32	Regular 13 Deer Season 31	Regular 7 Deer Season 29

5. The cross-country trail system in the Blue Hills was again maintained by the Rusk County Trails Association, mowing was done by the Forestry Department.
6. State Funded Rusk County Snowmobile Trails. 329.2 miles of Rusk County Snowmobile Trails were maintained by Rusk County Snowmobile Clubs in the **2008-2009** Season. The breakdown is as follows:

<u>SNO-CLUB NAME</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Maintenance Cost</u>
Bruce Trailblazers	98.2	\$ 24,550.00
Hawkins Sno-Hawks	55.0	13,750.00
Ladysmith Drifbusters	85.0	21,038.00
Sheldon Rough Riders	27.2	6,800.00
Weyerhaeuser	<u>63.8</u>	<u>15,950.00</u>
	329.2 Miles	\$ 82,088.00
<u>LEVIED MONIES</u>		
Salary/Benefits		\$ 1,732.86
Liability Insurance		\$ 430.00

Reimbursed by State/ (Spent for 2008-2009) \$ 82,088.00

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROVED BY STATE FOR 2008-2009 SNOWMOBILE SEASON.

\$47,770.87 – State prorate funding 67.0805% = \$ 32,044.94 total payout for supplemental.

Bruce Blue Hills Trailblazers	\$ 00
*Neighborly Sno-Goers (Pd through Bruce Club)	\$ 1,568.32
Hawkins Sno Hawks	\$13,840.30
Ladysmith Driftbusters	\$13,641.83
Weyerhaeuser Snowmobile Club	\$ 63.90
Sheldon Rough Riders	\$ 1,479.76
Rusk County Salary	\$ 1,162.41
Rusk County Liability Insurance	<u>\$ 288.45</u>

\$ 32,044.94

III. Timber Sales

1. 26 timber sales were established in 2009 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	26	\$ 785,974.58	2557	1,591.0	21,282	3,295	170	2,176	337
ASPEN	6	\$ 127,556.92	255	10.0	3,218	2,580	0	199	488
Red Pine	1	\$ 3,200.00	5	0	0	0	100	0	0
SALVAGE	1	\$ 687.50	4	0	15	40	0	0	0
TOTALS	26	\$ 917,419.00	2821	1,601.0	24,515	5,915	270	2,375	825

Total = 33,900 Cords Established

2. 25 timber sales were sold in 2009 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	23	\$ 957,041.45	2,392	1,366.0	20,182	3,480	170	2,126	337
ASPEN	6	\$ 184,271.75	255	10.0	3,218	2,395	0	199	488
Red Pine	1	\$ 2,674.30	5	0	0	0	100	0	0
SALVAGE	1	\$ 687.50	4	0	15	40	0	0	0
TOTALS	25	\$1,144,675.00	2,656	1,376.0	23,415	5,915	270	2,325	825

Total = 32,750 Cords Sold

3. 19 Timber Sales Contracts were closed out in 2009 consisting of the following totals:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	17	\$ 906,455.10	1,533	1,118.3	16,157	3,249	0	1,736	188
ASPEN	1	\$ 16,627.71	39	0	324	171	0	30	0
Red Pine	1	\$ 31,750.41	42	8.29	14	107	635	0	0
SALVAGE	1	\$ 808.38	4	0	21	44	0	0	0
TOTALS	19	\$ 955,641.60	1,618	1,126.6	16,516	3,571	635	1,766	188

TOTAL = 22,676 Cords Closed Out

4. Timber products reported cut on 41 sales were:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
MBF OF LOGS	2,133.07	1,679.04	1,591.53	1,061.53
CORDS OF MISC. HDWD PULP	27,904	26,132	25,836	17,601
CORDS OF ASPEN	11,168	9,813	7,434	5,339
CORDS OF WHITE BIRCH	1,517	897	306	729
CORDS OF BASSWOOD	1,053	2,047	3,264	2,075
CORDS OF RED PINE	226	00	373	744
TOTAL CORDS	41,869	38,889	37,213	26,488
NUMBER OF SALES	58	56	47	41

5. Timber products paid for

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Timber Products Paid for	\$ 1,865,801.49	\$ 1,532,412.02	\$ 1,467,488.24	\$ 965,483.60
Non Co. Forest Timber Sales Rev	00	00	00	00
Bonds Conf./Transferred for Stumpage	\$ 9,905.00	\$ 28,448.93	00	\$ 200.00
Bonds Conf. For Non-Performance	\$ 3,018.75	00	\$ 9,744.62	\$ 37,787.50
GROSS STUMPAGE REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 1,878,725.24	\$ 1,560,860.95	\$ 1,477,232.86	\$ 1,003,471.10
10% payment to Towns	-\$ 187,570.78	-\$ 156,086.22	-\$ 146,748.91	-\$ 96,554.37
20% payment to State	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31
TOTALS AFTER PAYMENT TO TOWNS/STATE	\$ 1,646,753.15	\$ 1,360,373.42	\$ 1,286,082.64	\$ 862,515.42
Wood Permits Issued	\$ 930.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,670.00
Other County Forest Revenue	\$ 504.65	\$ 10,263.00	\$ 8,223.00	\$ 400.00
50% Admin Salary Grant	\$ 32,616.87	\$ 33,427.91	\$ 34,557.31	\$ 36,879.83
REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 1,680,804.67	\$ 1,405,039.33	\$ 1,330,232.95	\$ 901,465.25
Total County Forest Expenses	-\$ 315,539.90	-\$ 338,246.55	-\$ 348,611.94	-\$ 349,038.93*
Levy Reduction (To General Fund)	\$ 1,365,264.77	\$ 1,066,792.78	\$ 981,621.01	\$ 552,426.32

*INDICATES 2009 YEAR EXPENSES ARE AN ESTIMATE

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Timber Stumpage due Rusk County @ 12/31	\$ 37,645.03	\$ 49,403.24	\$ 32,693.08	\$ 28,653.12
Timber Sales cash bonds on hand @ 12/31	\$ 324,916.03	\$ 209,842.29	\$ 167,132.10	\$ 175,197.48
Irrevocable Letters of Credit on Hand at 12/31	\$ 596,747.36	\$ 680,090.72	\$ 663,681.49	\$ 772,884.12
Land Acquisition Fund Bal 12/31	00	00	00	00
Est. Timber Value Under Cont @ 12/31	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00
Timber Value scaled by Co Forestry Staff	\$ 1,567,534.11	\$ 1,483,272.47	\$ 1,228,120.00	\$ 963,454.62
50¢/Acre Loan Acct Balance Balance as of 12/31	00	00	00	00

2009 Annual Payments to Townships with County Forest Lands for 10% Severance on timber stumpage revenue.

<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>TOWN ACREAGE</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>2009 PAYMENT</u>
Atlanta	4,922.74	5.5285	\$ 5,338.01
Big Bend	1,317.00	1.4791	\$ 1,428.14
Cedar Rapids	9,999.65	11.2302	\$ 10,843.25
Dewey	240.00	0.2695	\$ 260.21
Hubbard	8,545.16	9.5967	\$ 9,266.03
Murry	18,968.76	21.3030	\$ 20,568.98
South Fork	6,715.73	7.5422	\$ 7,282.32
Strickland	3,859.03	4.3339	\$ 4,184.57
True	669.14	0.7515	\$ 725.61
Wilkinson	17,731.53	19.9135	\$ 19,227.35
Wilson	16,073.87	18.0519	\$ 17,429.90
TOTALS	89,042.61	100.00	\$ 96,554.37

Timber Sales Under Contract:	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>
- Marked Hardwood	72	7,544
- Aspen	9	316
- Red Pine	0	0
- Salvage Sales	0	0
	<u>73</u>	<u>7,860</u>

IV. County Forest Land Acquisition

1. County Land Acquisition Account # 100-61-57030/48306
12-31-09 Account Balance \$ 00

V. Wildlife Department on County Forest.

1. 40 Miles of secondary roads and 20 acres of wildlife openings were mowed.
2. Game surveys were conducted by D.N.R.
3. No Trail Development Occurred in 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

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